

Timely Tidbits ...

"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 24th Person of the Year. To be considered for the award, an individual must have made significant contributions to Romulus and its residents. Both residents and nonresidents are eligible.

The Chamber will accept nominations through December 12, 2008. Forms are available at the Chamber office (11189 Shook Road, Suite C) or www.romuluschamber.org. All submissions should include a biographical synopsis of the nominee and an explanation of why he/she is deserving of the award. Also required is the name and telephone number or e-mail address of the person submitting the nomination.

An award ceremony will be held in the spring of 2009.

Bank Holds Food Drive

From November 1–26, National City bank will conduct its first annual food drive to benefit the Gleaners Community Food Bank, which is in desperate need of donations during these hard economic times. Readers are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations to the National City branch located at 9950 Wayne Road in Romulus. Donors will be entered in a raffle for one of many great prizes from local businesses.

According to National City employee Chevelle Tackett, who organized the food drive, there has already been an enormous amount of support from the local business community, including Romulus Flowers & Gifts, Romulus House restaurant, the Romulus Athletic Center, and Northside Hardware, among others.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to step up, work together, and help families that have been impacted by the current economic state," she said.

Child Fingerprinting

Public Service Credit Union in Romulus will host a child safety program on Saturday, November 1. For more information, see the advertisement on page 6. □

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert To Run Again in 2009



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

Mayor Alan R. Lambert delighted a standing-room-only crowd of supporters attending his October 25 Halloween Party at Romulus Progressive Hall by announcing that he will seek reelection in 2009.

"We, as Americans, need to put our country back together," he stated. "The Federal Government is trillions of dollars in debt; the State of Michigan is in worse shape than any other state in the country, and Wayne County is planning to lay off hundreds of employees."

Lambert said that, although other cities and counties have been forced to reduce both workers and programs, he is proud that Romulus has been able to weather the current storm due to forward thinking and financial planning.

"The state of our city involves surviving hard economic times without any layoffs or cuts in services. At the same time, the City has been able to provide many quality services with no increase in City taxes. The City portion of the millage remains one of the lowest in Wayne County."

Lambert said he is carefully planning

for the city's future.

"We, as a city, are secure, but we must continue to use caution and be smart about what we do in the coming years," he noted.

He added that he is running for reelection because he still has quality projects to achieve for the city and the residents of Romulus.

"Being in one of the worst economic times ever, now would not be a good time for change at the local level," Lambert said. "My administration has things under control, and will continue to move forward when re-elected."

Lambert said he invites Romulus residents, business persons, and visitors to view his election platform, along with his administration's accomplishments of the last two terms, at www.MayorLambert.com. The Web site will go live on Wednesday, November 5. □

PSCU's Cross-state Rivalry Benefits Local Charities

Although the Michigan State University football team scored a decisive victory over the University of Michigan in last Saturday's annual matchup, everyone was a winner when alumni and fans of the two schools faced off in a more friendly contest the day before the game.

On Friday, October 15, employees at Public Service Credit Union in Romulus sported their schools' favorite colors in a spirited competition to benefit local charities. The employees were invited to wear

casual dress featuring either MSU or UM colors/logos, with the promise that PSCU would make a \$200 donation to a charity chosen by the employees whose school garnered the most support.

On the big day, the final score at PSCU proved to be a harbinger of things to come in Ann Arbor, with MSU fans squeaking past their UM counterparts, 16–15. Had he dressed differently, president and CEO Dean Trudeau (pictured below in the middle of the back row) could have caused

a tie, but "Mr. Neutrality" scored a point for both sides by wearing a Wolverines turtleneck underneath a Spartan T-shirt, as well as baseball caps from both Michigan and State – one on top of the other.

"Even in a time of such economic turmoil, the employees of Public Service Credit Union find ways to reach out and help our Metro Detroit neighbors," said Trudeau. "It shows that our employees know the meaning of the credit union philosophy of 'People

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Employees at Public Service Credit Union in Romulus – including those pictured here – raised \$200 for the Gleaners Community Food Bank and \$100 for the Michigan Humane Society by participating in a competition that pitted alumni and fans of Michigan State University against those from the University of Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether they are printed.

The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity, content, and brevity.

As always, opinions expressed in "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of the little paper.

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Mayor Lambert Not Involved in Axiom, Says Fiancée Banks

To the Editor:

This letter is a response to Mr. Andrew Lovenduski's letter (*the little paper*, October 17, 2008) regarding Axiom Protection Group.

Axiom Protection Group is a minority-owned business with approximately 150 employees, and has been in business for 10 years – not what I would call a "novice" business. We are proud to be located in downtown Romulus. We are privately owned and operated by a lifetime resident and taxpayer. We pay Romulus taxes, and we hire Romulus residents – residents who are grateful to be getting a paycheck from Axiom, particularly in this difficult economic climate.

I am not ashamed to say I have contracts with local companies. I have worked hard to develop accounts throughout Michigan. Axiom Protection Group has built a reputation on high quality and integrity.

As a local business owner, I believe it is important to give back to the community that has afforded me so much. Axiom Protection Group donated the services of three employees to the Pumpkin Festival Committee during the festival weekend. And Axiom was awarded the contract for the Romulus Athletic Center by Rink Management (the company that operates the athletic center) because Axiom was the most cost effective.

I have to wonder if Mr. Lovenduski is prejudiced against minority-owned businesses, or is this veiled prejudice against Mayor Alan Lambert? The fact is, Mayor Lambert has nothing to do with my business, and makes it a point to stay out of my business.

Perhaps you feel that, as a woman, I cannot possibly be successful based on my own merits and hard work? Women can run a business. Women can own a business. Perhaps you need to rethink *your values* before you start publicly picking on minority-owned businesses. This particular female and minority business owner will not sit back quietly and let you slander her integrity, hard work, and well-deserved success!

Diane L. Banks

Romulus resident and
minority business owner

Endorsements Announced

To the Editor:

The Romulus Democratic Club would like to declare its endorsement of the following candidates in the November 4 general election.

- President/Vice President: Barack Obama/Joe Biden
- US Senator: Carl Levin
- US Representative in Congress: John D. Dingell
- State Representative: Douglas A. Geiss
- University of Michigan Regents: Laurence B. Deitch and Denise Ilitch
- Michigan State University Trustees: Dianne Byrum and Diann Woodard
- Wayne State University Governors: Paul Massaron and Gary S. Pollard
- Wayne County Prosecutor: Kym L. Worthy
- Wayne County Sheriff: Warren C. Evans
- Wayne County Clerk: Cathy M. Garrett
- Wayne County Treasurer: Raymond J. Wojtowicz

- Wayne County Register of Deeds: Bernard J. Youngblood
 - Wayne County Commissioner: Edward A. Boike, Jr.
 - Supreme Court Justice: Diane Marie Hathaway
 - Circuit Court Judges (3rd Circuit, nonincumbent position): Daniel A. Hathaway, Susan L. Hubbard, Connie Marie Kelley, and Lynne A. Pierce
 - 34th District Court: David M. Parrott
- For more information, call 734-323-9397.
Jack Trumble, president
Romulus Democratic Club

Pro-Choice Candidates Are Anti-Christ, Says Coalition

To the Editor:

All Christians should know that if they are pro-choice, they are pro-abortion, because they are not pro-life and they cannot be both. Furthermore, God, who created all life and gave us his son Jesus, who established Christianity, is pro-life. We know

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The Editor's Opinion

"Yes" Vote on School Millage Won't Raise Taxes

By Kristi Stephens, editor

These days, just about everyone I know is trimming their budget in order to survive. Many luxuries, large and small, have already been eliminated, and still we look for other ways to control our spending.

It's no wonder, then, that some Romulus Community Schools homeowners are suspicious of two funding proposals on the November 4 ballot. They've heard rumors that their taxes will go up if they support them.

But a closer look at the proposals, along with a promise from the Romulus Board of Education, shows otherwise.

Let's look at the second one first. The "Operating Millage Proposal" would restore the *nonhomestead* operating millage to 18 mills. This tax is *not* paid by homeowners or those with qualified agricultural property.

Approving this proposal will not raise homestead property taxes, and defeating it won't lower them.

The other proposal, which would create a district "sinking fund," does call for a 0.75-mill increase – but, if it is approved, the Romulus Board of Education will lower the current debt-retirement tax by the same amount, **making the proposal effectively tax neutral**. It's important to note that sinking-fund monies may be used only for the construction or repair of physical facilities, and *not* for staff salaries or benefits, school buses, textbooks, etc.

We hope you'll join us in voting "yes" on Local School District proposals 1 and 2. Doing so *will* help the Romulus Community Schools continue to offer the educational opportunities our children deserve, and *won't* hurt your wallet in the process. □

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Letters to the Editor

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this because pro-choice kills 4,000 of his unborn creations each day in America. Those who vote for a pro-choice candidate should know they are directly participating in that candidate's agenda to perpetuate abortion, an anti-Christ position.

Christian voters must give life precedence over all other combined issues, and God must be held in higher esteem than any candidate. Jesus did not establish any Christian religions that support, endorse, or embrace this pro-choice, pro-abortion, pro-death, anti-Christ position. To those who do, Jesus has this to say: "He that is not with me is against me ..." (Matthew 12:30 KJV)

You may think you are a Christian, born again, saved, and filled with the Holy Spirit. However, if you are not pro-life – and you're not when you vote pro-choice – how can that spirit you have be holy, and

that religion you have be Christian, when God commands all Christians to be unconditionally pro-life?

C. Dragovich, founder
Pro-God Pro-Life Coalition
Staunton, Illinois

RHS '50s Reunion Was Great

To the Editor:

A good time was had by all at the Romulus High School '50s Reunion, held at Romulus Progressive Hall on September 23, 2008. Altogether, approximately 240 classmates arrived from all over the USA.

The reunion started at 2 p.m. and ended at 10 p.m., with many people coming early and staying until closing. The food was wonderful, and pizza was served as the evening went on. We gave away money gifts and we also enjoyed '50s-, '60s-, and '70s-era music provided by a fellow classmate.

Since then, the "Romulus Reunion for the '50s Committee" has received many calls from people commenting on how much they enjoyed the event. Many expressed their desire for (and voted on holding) a reunion every two years. Everyone enjoyed "coming back home" to good ol' Romulus!

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the reunion a great success, with a special thanks to those who prepared the food. They did a great job!

Joanne Whaley, spokesperson
Reunion for the '50s Committee □

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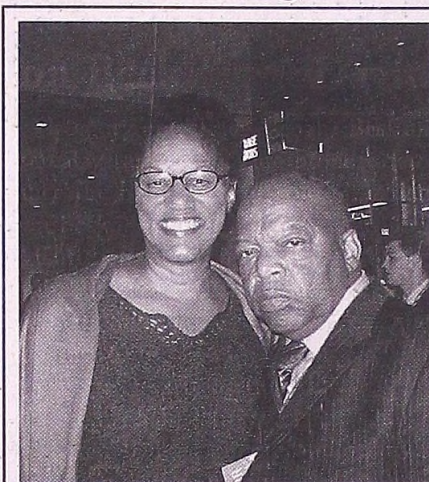
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One of Jacqueline Galloway-Blake's biggest thrills was meeting U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

By Kristi Stephens

Although she was only 15 at the time, Jacqueline Galloway-Blake has vivid memories of her first trip to Washington, D.C., where she heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., deliver his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963.

"My mother put me on a chartered bus with other members of our community, although I didn't know any of them," said Galloway-Blake, who lived in New York City at the time. "She recognized that the March on Washington would be a momentous event, and she felt it was important for me to experience it firsthand."

Standing in the hot sun, surrounded by more than 200,000 people, Galloway-Blake listened to the hopeful, inspirational messages of speaker after speaker, and was moved by performances such as Mahalia Jackson's "I've Been 'Buked, and I've Been Scorned." Young as she was, she understood the significance of the words she heard that day.

"My people grew up in the segregated South, where I spent the summers of my girlhood in the '50s," she explained. "I saw what it was like to live under Jim Crow. Dr. King's speech, with its vision of equality and freedom, had great meaning for me."

Fast-forward 45 years to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, when Senator Barack Obama accepted his party's nomination for president on the anniversary of Dr. King's speech. Among those in attendance was Galloway-Blake, who said the event brought her "full circle" from the March on Washington.

"It was exhilarating!" she recalled. "In many ways, Senator Obama reminded me of Dr. King. His message was one of unity, of bringing people together to build bridges, not walls. He called on us to live out the creed of our founding fathers, the creed upon which our nation was built: 'We, the people'. Together, we can make our country, and the world, a better place for all."

Galloway-Blake was thrilled to share such an inspirational event with all the like-minded people who attended the convention, but was especially excited to meet Dr.



A new T-shirt – "The Dream and the Dreamer" – perfectly depicted her belief that she had come "full circle."

King's daughter, Bernice Albertine King, and U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

"Literally the first person I saw when I entered the hotel in Denver was Congressman Lewis, who is the only surviving speaker from the March on Washington," she said. "I went up to him and shook his hand, and told him I had seen him in 1963, when he addressed the crowd as then-chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee."

For the past 25 years, Galloway-Blake – now a longtime Romulus resident – has done her own small part to make Dr. King's dream a reality. As the owner of Brown Sugar & Spice Educational Services, she has taught Metro-area children about black history and multiculturalism through books and storytelling. Her "Tales from the Underground Railroad" is a program familiar to many, especially in her hometown, where buildings such as the Romulus Wesleyan Church and the Samuel R. Kingsley house served as safe "stations" along the Underground Railroad network.

Galloway-Blake believes her work has given her a unique perspective on society's changing values.

"Through my involvement with educators and church leaders, I have seen a growing awareness and acceptance of multiculturalism," she said. "For instance, when I present a school assembly in largely Caucasian Oakland County, the children will sometimes come up to me after my program, and tell me about their friends from other cultural backgrounds. They're so sweet and innocent, so open and willing to embrace the world, that it gives me hope for the future."

Now, Galloway-Blake is anxious for the arrival of election day, when she hopes to see the man who has inspired her become the next President of the United States.

"It would be a really big step for America – a sign that we are ready to embrace the idea of coming together, irrespective of race."

"It's a dream I share with Dr. King and Senator Obama, and I hope it will be a dream come true." □

Golf Shelter Named in Doom's Honor



Richard Doom

Richard Doom, an active volunteer who organized Taylor's senior golf league for more than two decades, passed away in June, but the dedication of a shelter in his honor will keep his memory fresh for years to come.

It was Doom who first suggested the construction of the shelter for the comfort of golfers at Taylor Meadows Golf Course.

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe joined Doom's wife Shirley and many of Doom's fellow golfers for the October 10 unveiling of the Richard Doom Memorial Shelter plaque.

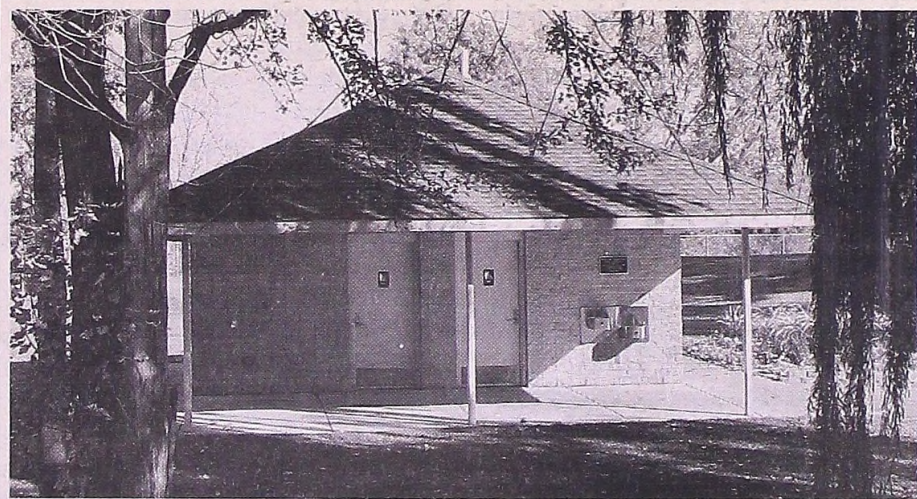
"Richard and Shirley have made such

a difference in our community," Priebe said. "They have given and given to the seniors and to the Senior Center. It is fitting that we remember Richard with something he helped create for his fellow golfers."

Doom took up the game of golf in the 1960s while employed at the General Motors Fisher Body plant in Detroit. After winning a trophy his first season, he stayed with the sport to win many more throughout his life.

In the year following his 1982 retirement, Doom formed a golf league based out of the William D. Ford Senior Activity Center. Once the league moved to Taylor Meadows, which is right next door to the Senior Center, it soon became obvious to Doom that the golfers needed a comfort station and rain shelter, and he put in a request to the City administration. The Tax Increment Finance Authority purchased an abandoned house at the end of Beverly Street, near the northeast corner of the golf course, and used it to train Taylor firefighters. It was soon demolished, and a shelter was built in its place to give golfers a comfort stop and safe haven in inclement weather. The shelter also provides additional storage space for golf course needs, and beautifies an area that had been unsightly. The shelter has been used by golfers since it first opened in time for the 2004 season.

Last August, Mayor Priebe's suggestion to name the facility in Doom's honor was unanimously approved by City Council. □



This shelter, which was built at Doom's suggestion, has been named in his honor.

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Michael O'Malley

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe said O'Malley is known and respected for his strong personal leadership skills, and should be a great fit in the City administration.

"Mike's roots are in Taylor, he has always been a Taylor booster, and he has strong ties in the community," Priebe noted. "I look forward to working with him on projects that benefit our residents and move our city forward."

In his younger days in Taylor, O'Malley excelled academically, earned nine varsity letters, and captained the football, basketball, and baseball teams his senior year at Kennedy High. When he was inducted into the Taylor Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame in 2000, he also was recognized for his years at Harvard, where he played varsity baseball for three years and graduated with honors in 1974.

O'Malley returns to Taylor following his retirement after a successful 30-year career in the automotive and marketing industries, in which he held high-ranking positions at General Motors, J. Walter Thompson, and Omnicom/PHD.

O'Malley's experience in the automotive industry began long before his corporate positions. As the son of an automotive retail professional, he cut his teeth in dealerships, working in many capacities during his school days. He also sold new and used cars at dealerships in Michigan and Ohio.

Before his corporate automobile career, O'Malley taught western civilization history and math at McDonogh School in Baltimore, where he earned a State of Maryland teaching certificate at Johns Hopkins University. After graduating from Harvard, he earned a master of business administration degree, with a concentration in finance, from the University of Detroit.

O'Malley is married and the father of six daughters. □

PSCU

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Helping People, and will demonstrate that in any way they can."

In the end, both sides emerged victorious, since PSCU donated \$100 to the Michigan Humane Society, the charity of choice for the UM supporters, as well as \$200 to the MSU fans' charity, the Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Charitable donations and involvement is nothing new to the employees of PSCU, according to Trudeau. Throughout the year, employees are given opportunities to give a \$5 donation in exchange for wearing jeans to work, or to become involved in weekend charity walks on the PSCU Caring Team. In the past, employees have been involved in Relay For Life, Making Strides, Memory Walk, Lee Denim Day, Out of the Darkness, and Gilda's Club benefits. They also have worked with Adopt A Family during the holiday season, delivering food and gifts to area families who are struggling.

This year alone, employees have donated more than \$2,000 to local charities.

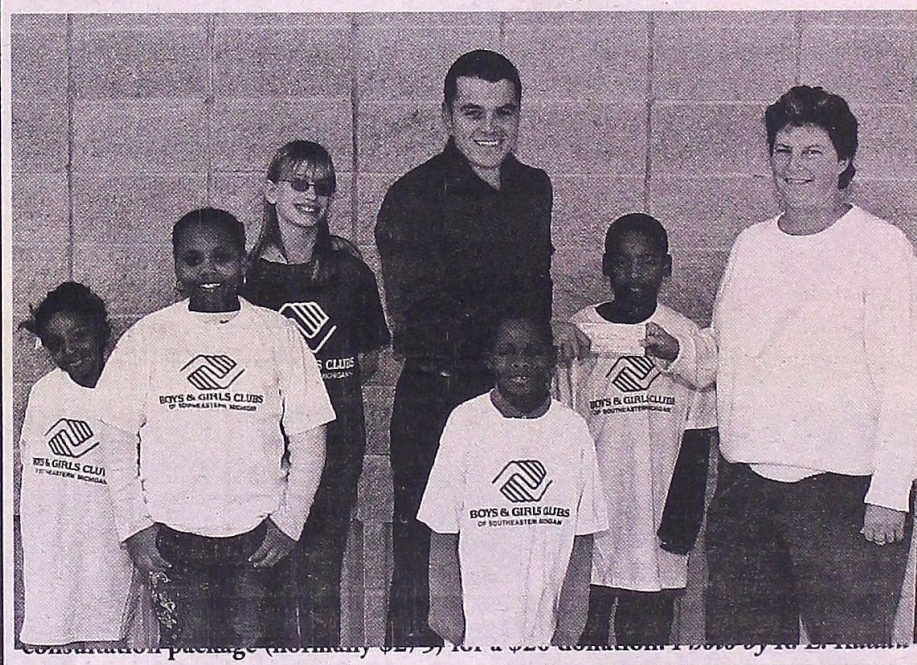
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"Spooktacular" Was Sweet Seasonal Treat



The Romulus Recreation "Spooktacular," held at Historical Park October 25, featured games, crafts, costume contests, and candy. Photo by R. E. Kadan

True Health Donates to Boys & Girls Club



Living Rock Church's Picnic Brought Old and New Friends Together



An annual picnic at Living Rock Church in Romulus brought members and guests together for good food and good fellowship. Pastor Frank Howard, his wife Kay, and their congregation have extended an open invitation to join them for worship any Sunday at 11 a.m. The church is located at 33200 Ecorse Road.

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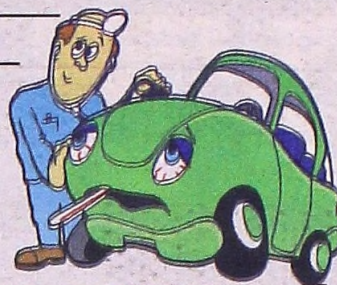
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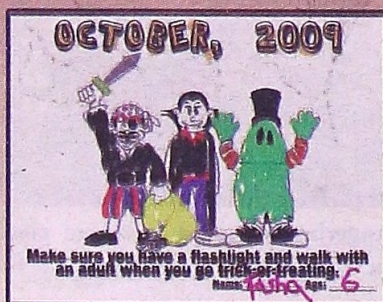
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Belleville Harvest Fest



(From left) Rebeca Lazarean, Emma Moore, and Erin Williams enjoyed making cornhusk dolls at the Belleville Harvest Fest, held October 18.



Volunteer Kim Chamberlain (right) helped Daniel Winn with soap-carving – one of the many free activities offered at the Fred C. Fischer Library that day.



Other library events included candle-dipping, which volunteer Josh Wooten demonstrated to some of the 500+ young people in attendance.



Shayla Hendrickson had a busy day. Besides having her face painted, she made a doll, dipped a candle, ink-stamped a treat bag, and took part in a scavenger hunt.

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The Wayne County Health Department will be administering flu and pneumonia shots at the Romulus Senior Center on Tuesday, November 18, at 9 a.m. Medicare recipients pay nothing; others pay \$15 for a flu shot, \$35 for a pneumonia shot.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a luncheon to be held on Thursday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. Highlights of the event will include live music and a delicious meal of turkey, "Rose's rice," mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert.

Cost for the event is \$4.50. Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Culinary Class

Get tips on food preparation and presentation at the Senior Center's next culinary class, set for Thursday, November 6, at 11 a.m. Students will make – and then eat! – the day's featured dishes of chicken or salmon, bruschetta, and spaghetti.

Cost is \$10. Preregistration is required.

Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, at the Center.

Both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

Motor City Casino

The Romulus Senior Center's next trip to Motor City Casino is set for Monday, November 24, at 9 a.m. Besides free transportation to and from the casino, participants will receive a free \$15 voucher, good for food or tokens.

Advance sign-up is required.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's bus, free of charge, to shop at Meijer on Monday, November 3; Kroger on Monday, November 10; and Kmart on Monday, November 17. Transportation departs from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

Lunch Out

Destinations for the coming month's lunch outings are Cracker Barrel (Friday, November 14) and Frenchtown (Friday, November 21). Each will depart at 11 a.m.

Advance registration is required.

Senior Center Closings

The Romulus Senior Center will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day and November 27–28 for Thanksgiving.

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"An Afternoon at the Movies"

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out the latest James Bond film, *Quantum of Solace* (with complimentary popcorn and beverages), on Tuesday, November 18. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration is required.

Special Trips

For more information about these and other special trips, call the Center.

- **24th Annual Festival of Trees** (Wednesday, November 26. \$6 covers transportation to the Festival of Trees, a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, individually designed wreaths and centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, fun-filled children's activities, photos with Santa, a festive gift shop, a Secret Santa Shop just for kids, and more! Lunch at Silver Spoons in Allen Park is not included. Bus departs at 11:30 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m.)

- **The Nutcracker** (Sunday, December 7. \$21 covers transportation to a Ballet Americana performance of *The Nutcracker* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Lunch at Applebee's is not included. Bus departs at 12:30 p.m. and returns about 6 p.m.)

- **Frosty Follies** (Friday, December 12. \$7 covers transportation to the Trenton Village Theatre for the Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center production of *Frosty Follies 3*. Lunch at the Herb Garden is not included. Bus departs at 5 p.m. and returns about 10 p.m.)

Birthday Bash

If you were born in November, and are 55 or older, come out to the Center's next Birthday Bash, set for Thursday, November 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cake, ice cream, and karaoke will be among the day's attractions.

There's no charge to attend; simply preregister by Monday, November 17. No children, please.

Christmas Party

The Ford Senior Center's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will feature a catered dinner by Veronica's, music by Solitaire, a gift for each person, and door prizes.

Tickets (\$15 each) must be purchased by Thursday, December 11. *No tickets will be sold at the door.* □

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Belleville

Story Time at the Library

Upcoming Story Time programs at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth Street) include "Family Story Time" (6:30 p.m. each Monday from November 3 through December 8), "Preschool Pals" (ages 3.5 to 6 years; 11 a.m. each Tuesday from November 4 through December 9), and "Terrific Toddlers" (ages 2 to 3.5 years; 11 a.m. each Wednesday from November 5 through December 10).

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

Kenya Adventure

Dee Crowe will share photos and stories from Kenya at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth Street).

For information about this free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, call 734-699-3291.

Teen Programs

Teen programs for students in grades 6-12 will be held at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth Street) on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. according to the following schedule:

- **Dungeons & Dragons** (November 13),
- **Holiday Get-Together** (December 18),
- **World Peace Night** (January 15), and
- **Valentine Party** (February 12).

For information, call 734-699-3291.

"The Model T: A Car for the Multitude"

The Fred C. Fischer Library, in partnership with the Belleville Area Museum and the Friends of the Library, will celebrate the centennial of the Model T on Thursday, November 20, when author Robert Casey will discuss his new book, *The Model T: A Centennial History*.

The free program will be held at the Library (167 Fourth Street) at 7 p.m.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

Huron Township

Nursery Accepting Applications

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is still accepting applications for classes for 3- and 4-year-old children. The nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization - located in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) - emphasizes kindergarten readiness, and offers activities like art, music, exercise, and field trips.

For information, call Becki Graybeal at 734-941-3926.

Sauerkraut Dinner

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) will hold its annual Sauerkraut Dinner on Thursday, November 6, beginning at 5 p.m.

A \$10 cost per person covers a full meal, beverage, and homemade dessert. Carry-out service will be available.

For information, call 734-753-9048.

Romulus

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older - are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for future discussions include:

- *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean (November 10),
- *Mr. Paradise* by Elmore Leonard (December 8),
- *Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy (January 12),
- *American Detective: An Amos Walker Mystery* by Loren D. Estleman (February 9),
- *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts (March 9), and
- *Thief of Souls* by Ann Benson (April 13).

Children's Craft Programs

Youngsters are invited to sign up for one or more of the following one-day craft programs, which will be offered by the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

- **Thanksgiving** (November 15), and
- **Christmas Tree Trim** (December 6).

Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is requested.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Amnesty Week at the Library

The Romulus Public Library is offering Amnesty Week - an opportunity to turn in overdue materials without paying a fine. Just bring overdue items, *along with a donation of nonperishable food for the Romulus Goodfellows*, to the circulation desk the week of November 17-22.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

City Tree-lighting Program Will Feature a Visit from Santa

The City of Romulus will kick off the holiday season on Friday, November 21, when Santa will make his official arrival just in time for the annual tree-lighting.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the post office) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus

Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house - both decorated for the season - to the public. The *Golden Griffon Stringtet* will provide entertainment in the Kingsley House, and refreshments will be served in the museum.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at Historical Park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, the Romulus Progressive Club will open Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Road, near Five Points), where Santa will hear children's wishes. Other attractions will include train displays (courtesy of the Lincoln Park Train Club, formerly the Trenton Train Club), a performance by the "Ministry in Motion" dancers, and craft-making. Refreshments and gift bags for the children will be provided courtesy of the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department.

Photos with Santa (\$2 each) will be available. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

Hypnotherapy for Weight Loss

A one-day hypnotherapy session for weight reduction will be held at the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook Road) from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 22.

Cost is \$25 for both residents and non-residents. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 20.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Taylor

Taylor Sports Hall of Fame Induction

A ceremony and dinner to be held at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road) on Thursday, November 6, at 5 p.m. will honor Taylor Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame honorees Ted Daisher, Lanny Hall Sr., Corey Montry, and Tim Witz.

Daisher, who is special teams coordinator for the Cleveland Browns, was a star athlete at Taylor Center High School. Hall, another star athlete from Taylor Center, has been president of the Taylor Northwest Little League for 20 years. Montry, who attended Harry S. Truman High School, earned All-MAC academic team honors in 1994 while attending Western Michigan University. John F. Kennedy High School alumnus Witz has coached three state-champion ice-hockey teams and managed a state-champion baseball team.

The dinner following the induction ceremony will feature a menu of a tossed salad, hand-carved prime rib, chicken marsala, broiled orange roughly, red-skin potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and cheesecake, plus an open bar.

Tickets (\$35) are available from the Recreation office (22805 Goddard Road).

For information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 734-374-3906.

Police, Firefighters Face Off in Hockey

City of Taylor police officers and firefighters will meet in their annual hockey game at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 7, at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road). The game benefits the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, which provides food to more than 1,000 families and individuals throughout the year. The Police Department's Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship Fund will receive part of the proceeds, as well.

Former Detroit Red Wings John Ogrodnick and Lee Norwood will be signing autographs.

Load One Transportation and Logistics of Taylor is sponsoring the game.

Tickets (\$5) are available at the Sportsplex, the Taylor Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road), the Midtown Fire Station (23345 Goddard Road), and the Taylor Police Department (23515 Goddard Road).

For information, call Bryan Cragg at 313-295-4950.

Concert Benefits Fish and Loaves

The Downriver Community Band will perform a benefit concert for the Fish and Loaves Community Food Bank at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, at the William D. Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy Street). The nostalgic program will feature big-band music, oldies, and show tunes.

Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors and kids.

For information, call the Ford Center at 313-291-7740. □

Rotary Raffle Winners

Winners of the Huron Township Rotary's Motorcycle Raffle were:

- Chuck Owens, Taylor (ticket #09981) - first prize: a 2008 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic with custom trailer
- Carrie Houghton, Clinton (ticket #18793) - second prize: \$2000 cash
- Al Lindsay, Flat Rock (ticket #14064) - third prize: \$1,000 cash

The drawing was held at the Huron Township Applefest on October 5, 2008. □

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David and Donna (Darby) Bullock



Donna and David Bullock

Congratulations to David and Donna (Darby) Bullock of Romulus, Michigan, who were married on August 30, 2008.

The couple – who became engaged on February 14, 2007 – exchanged their wedding vows at Trinity Wesleyan Baptist Church (Southgate, MI).

Standing up with David were his best man, Dejamir Pilloci, and groomsmen James Bullock, Jeff Rydlicki, and Eric Staten.

Attending Donna were Markesha Reynolds, her maid of honor, and bridesmaids Nataley Oliver, Christine Rydlicki, and Melanie Brooks.

Ayanna Kelly was the junior bridesmaid. The flower girl was Madison Bullock.

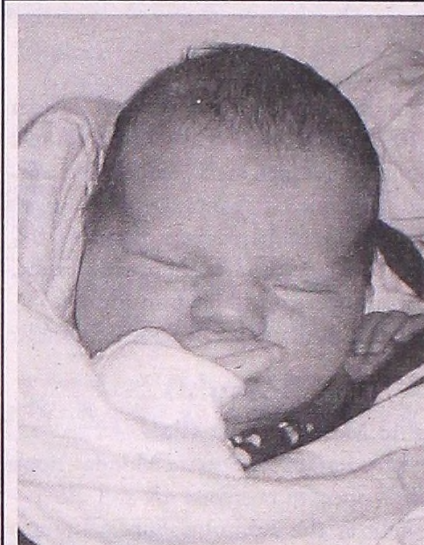
A reception at Hawthorne Valley Country Club (Westland, MI) immediately followed the ceremony.

David's is the son of David and Helen Bullock (Romulus).

Donna's parents are Boris Perry and Stephani Perry (Inkster, MI). □

The Stork Arrived!

Christian Orion Beck



Christian Orion Beck

Greggory and Tracy (Coak) Beck of West Lafayette, Indiana, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Christian Orion Beck.

Christian was born in Lafayette Home Hospital at 2:46 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008, weighing 8 lbs., 15 oz., and measuring 20 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his half-siblings, Haley, Hanna, and Haden Beck. Other proud relatives included his paternal grandparents, Richard and Julie Beck (Vista, CA); his maternal grandparents, Marvin and Cynthia Coak (Romulus, MI); his uncle, Anthony Coak; his aunts, Ginger McNaughton and Candice McCluskey; and his cousins, Melanie Coak, Autumn and Makenzie McCluskey, and Logan and Evan McNaughton. □

Happy Birthday!

Brandi Williams Turns 18!



Brandi Williams

Tashya Capen of Wayne, Michigan, would like to wish the happiest of birthdays to her daughter, Brandi Williams, who will be 18 on November 1, 2008.

Tashya said she has enjoyed watching Brandi grow and mature into a beautiful woman. She is very proud of her daughter, calling her a beautiful person, inside and out. The recent high-school graduate is loyal to her family members and friends, and loves spending time with "the love of her life" – her dog, Nina. □

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Victoria Mangham Is Miss Romulus Teen



Victoria Joy Mangham

can Miss Michigan Teen competition held in July. She will compete as Miss Romulus in the national pageant, set for November 25–30 in Anaheim, California.

Mangham's state pageant experience also included wins in the actress, teen-spokesmodel, and most-promising-model contests, as well as first-runner-up finishes in the academic-achievement, talent, and casual-wear modeling competitions.

The 16-year-old daughter of Dwayne and Verniesia Dixon is the public-relations officer for the National Honor Society and a recipient of various academic awards. Her ambition is to be a graphic arts designer.

Anyone interested in helping to sponsor Victoria's trip should make his/her check payable to Victoria Mangham and mail it to 6055 Edmund Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Call 734-722-5346 for further information. □



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Date of Wedding _____
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City _____ State _____
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City _____ State _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):

Attach any additional information
concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Robert R. Jesko

Robert R. Jesko of Wayne, Michigan, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2008, at the age of 71.

The son of the late Paul and Kathryn I. (Ferrell) Jesko was born in Royal, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, October 27, 1936.

Robert was the former owner/operator of Jesko's Auto Repair in Romulus, Michigan. A United States Marine Corps veteran and history buff, his widely varied interests also included writing, debating, drawing, gardening, bonfires, gambling, horse racing, playing cards, and playing scratch-off lottery games.

Surviving Robert are his wife, Barbara A. (Ollis) Jesko; 3 sons, Robert D. (Marriane) Jesko (Romulus), Paul M. Jesko (Romulus), and Cam (Maggie) Jesko (New Boston, MI); 2 daughters, Cindy Jesko (Romulus) and Patty (Michael) Staetter (Romulus); 2 sisters, Patty Wensing (North Ridgeville, OH) and Sharen (Boomer) Silbaugh (Walton Hills, OH); and 5 brothers,

David (Caroline) Jesko (FL), Kim (Debbie) Jesko (Uniontown, PA), Ronnie Jesko (Hinesville, GA), Jack (Paulette) Jesko (Hanover, PA), and Paul K. Jesko (OH). He is also survived by 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 3 stepsons, Terry Stamper (Romulus), Harold Stamper (Romulus), and Michael Stamper (Wayne); a step-daughter, Sheila Hoeft (Westland, MI); 7 step-grandchildren; and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were a brother, Charles Jesko, and a grandson, Jacob Jesko.

A funeral service was held on Friday, October 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Rita Talley (associate minister, First Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park (Canton, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Angela Hospice.

Adelle A. Pietrowski

Adelle A. Pietrowski of Dundee, Michigan, passed away on Friday, October 17, 2008, at the age of 88.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Saturday, September 18, 1920.

Surviving Adelle are 4 sons, John R. (Maryann) Pietrowski (Dundee), Philip (Teresa) Pietrowski (Petersburg, MI), Joseph B. Pietrowski (Cape May, New Jersey), and Peter J. (Patti) Pietrowski (Milan, MI); 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 3 sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Petrula (Taylor, MI), Mrs. Josephine Wojtowicz (Ypsilanti,

MI), and Mrs. Genevieve Harrison (NJ).

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, Joseph B. Pietrowski, who passed away in 1971, and 4 brothers, Hank, Edward, Stanley, and John Ryznar.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 20, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Marble Park Cemetery (Milan).

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Bobbie R. "Luke" Sweet

Bobbie R. Sweet of Margate, Florida, passed away on Friday, October 24, 2008, at the age of 53.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Monday, November 22, 1954.

Bob - also fondly known as Luke -

was an extraordinary guitarist and musician who played in Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert's band.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Brown) Sweet (Margate); his mother, Geraldine P. (Corbin) Sweet (Brownstown, MI); his brother, Gerald Sweet (Flat Rock, MI); his sister, Mary (Jerry) Ciccotelli (Brownstown); and 6 nephews and nieces.

Friends may call at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus) on Saturday, November 1, from noon to 9 p.m., and on Sunday, November 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The funeral service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Cremation rites will be accorded. □



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